

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

"Ernani" at the Academy of Music. Last evening Verdi's opera of Ernani was presented at the Academy of Music, with Miss Bates as "Elvira," Signor Botti as "Ernani," Signor Orlandini as "Carlo Quinto," and Signor Antonucci as "Silvio." In many respects the best of Verdi's compositions, it was executed throughout in admirable style, and received by the audience with the heartiest applause.

"Wolves at Bay" at the Arch. Colonel Fitzgerald's new drama of Wolves at Bay was produced last evening at the Arch Street Theatre, with all the accompaniments of a new scenery, startling sensations, effects, and a most interesting plot. Indeed, all that was necessary to make this performance the most successful ever given in this city, was the distribution among the audience of a few dozen bottles of the Colonel's special Carle d'or which figured so prominently on the stage.

Love Hoppin's Melrose Abbey. There has been placed in the store of Messrs. Bailey & Co., corner of Twelfth and Chestnut streets, for exhibition for a short time, a model of Melrose Abbey, a perfect miniature representation of that famous architectural relic, whose associations and appearance have become so familiar to us through the pages of the Water Cure. This work of art is the production of Mr. Lloyd Hoppin of this city, whose works have from time to time been placed on exhibition.

The Fair in Aid of the Aged and Infirm of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This fair, now being held in the Central Hall, is well attended, and is doing a good work. The plot is quite simple and not altogether novel, but the great bulk of the drama is made up of a mass of extraneous matter which has no direct connection with the main issue.

Heavy Robberies. A man named Smiley lives at No. 1612 South street, and occupies the first floor as a hardware store. He is accused of robbing a large number of persons. On Saturday night he locked up as usual, but on Sunday morning he came down stairs to find the door open and \$300 in greenbacks and gold in his pocket.

points, effects, etc. The following scenes are all good:—The west wing of Mr. Drayton's mansion in the valley of the Catawissa; the Oak Hall, by Fotters; and the valley with the trellis bridge over the stream, by Fotters.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

CITY CRIMINAL CALENDAR.

A White-Lead Thief—More Beggars—A Robber. William Johnson was yesterday arrested by Sheriff Murray, on the charge of stealing three hundred pounds of white lead from the factory of Jacob & Miller, at Third and Walnut streets.

James Cleveland, who was implicated with the M.B. in the murder of Richard Gillen, at the polls on Ninth street, on Wednesday, when the Democratic election was being held, has been rearrested.

Large reductions of rates and agents of the Bureau have been made during the year, and arrangements are in progress to close it up by the 1st of January next, except the educational and other departments.

The actual current expenses of the War Department for the last fiscal year were \$87,718,071. To this is added the sum of \$9,361,495, and we have the total for the year, making the total \$97,079,566.

INDIANS. I refer to the report of Lieutenant-General Sherman, an instructive statement of facts and valuable suggestions in regard to Indian affairs. I believe it manifest that an important change should be made in our mode of dealing with the tribes.

THE MECHANICS' BENEVOLENT AND RELIEF ASSOCIATION. The report of the above association has been issued. From it we ascertain that this organization has been in existence three years, during which time it has been successful in relieving many of the poor.

THE EXCHANGE COMPANY. The morning journal reports that officers elected by the Philadelphia Exchange Company, to make a correct copy of the book elected.

A lady member of a New York church has been "disciplined" by the ecclesiastical authorities, and now her husband institutes a suit for slander—damages, \$5000.

LECTURE BY J. J. SMITH, Esq., LATE OF MOUNTAIN PRISON, DUBLIN.—The object of this lecture is to draw attention to the fact that the law is not always administered with impartiality.

FOR THE FINEST FLOUR and the best Back wheat Meal, go to Zehnder's, at Fourth and Vine streets, where the premium brands of Flour can be procured, and also the celebrated "Zehnder's" Back wheat Meal.

THE WAR OFFICE.

Annual Report of the Secretary of War.

The following presents the most essential features of the Annual Report of General J. M. Schofield, Secretary of War:

The disbursements of the pay department during the last fiscal year have been: For the regular army, \$17,808,989; For U. S. Military Academy, \$1,200,414; Total, \$19,009,403.

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Claims of colored soldiers to the number of nearly 2000 have been settled through the Bureau, without cost to the Government, and a little more than \$100,000 has been received in Treasury certificates and checks for settlement of claims of colored soldiers and marines.

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THIRD EDITION FROM WASHINGTON.

The Legal Tender Acts Before the Supreme Court.—The Tariff on Imported Copper—Protective Measures.

Third Session of the Fortieth Congress.

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. Dispatch to the Associated Press.

The Supreme Court has up the legal tender cases to-day. Arrangements have been made by which all cases arising under the law, now before the Court, will be argued as one case, the law in each case being the same.

Judge Curtis, of Boston, appears for the constitutionality of the legal-tender acts. The argument will consume all of to-day and probably to-morrow.

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FORIETH CONGRESS—THIRD SESSION.

Senate.

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FOURTH EDITION FROM THE CAPITAL.

Depositing the Electoral Votes.—The Messenger's Receipt—Operations of the Ways and Means Committee.—Senatorial Caucusing.

The Deacon Andrews Trial—Marine Disasters on the New England Coast.

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Disastrous Gale in England.—New Telegraphic Arrangements.

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